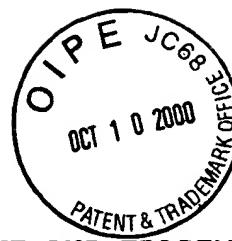


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FOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS OF THE NEOPLASIA

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 10, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 6, 2000, the due date for reply being extended one (1) month to Tuesday, October 10, 2000 (the first day after Columbus Day), by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Four Times Amended)

the development of neoplasia and obtaining guidance for treatment

A method for prognostication of

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